



HINCKLEYS POND
HARWICH

BARNSTABLE COUNTY

AREA = 171 ACRES

SCALE 1" = 132 FEET

X = Maximum Depth 28 FEET

INKLEY'S POND (Harwich)

General Information:

This 171-acre natural kettlehole pond, also known as Pleasant Lake, has an average depth of 12 feet and a maximum depth of 28 feet. Transparency is poor to fair, extending to roughly 6 feet. The bottom is composed of sand, gravel and some rubble and there is scattered aquatic vegetation. The pond is fed by groundwater and cranberry bogs and drains into the Herring River. The shoreline is developed with residential homes, cranberry bogs and a beach.

The pond is located in the northern section of Harwich, a half mile north of the center; a half mile northwest of the Route 6 / Route 124 interchange. It can be reached by taking Exit 10 from Route 6 and heading north on Route 124. The Harwich town beach is located just west of Route 124. Access to the pond is from a dirt road on the western side of pond, south of a cranberry bog. The access is suitable for launching car top boats or canoes. **There is a six horsepower limit on outboard motors.**

This pond supports an alewife run that comes up the Herring River from Nantucket Sound to the Herring River Reservoir and to Hinkleys, Seymour and Long ponds.

Fish Populations:

The last fisheries survey, conducted in 1991, recorded 13 species present: largemouth bass, alewife, white perch, yellow perch, tessellated darter, smallmouth bass, bridled shiner, white sucker, banded killifish, pumpkinseed sunfish, brown bullhead, chain pickerel and American eel.

Fishing:

This is an excellent warm water fishery where anglers can expect to catch yellow perch, white perch, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and pumpkinseeds. Due to the abundant alewife forage base; game fish can be expected to have excellent growth rates. Smallmouth bass up to 19 inches and 3.3 pounds and largemouth bass up to 18 inches and 3.5 pounds were sampled in 1991. Larger examples are undoubtedly present. Try bouncing dark jigs with pork rind or plastic tails around all available structure. White or yellow spinner baits are also reportedly good here, but let them sink to 8 feet or more before retrieving.

Panfishing should also be excellent. White perch ranged up to 13 inches and over one pound in our last sample. There are also plenty of good yellow perch. Target these by drifting or slowly trolling a small spinner rig with a trailing, worm-baited hook.

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